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Woolley Colliery Road, Woolley.

Site 1 – North.

Arboricultural Walkover Assessment – 17th May 2022.

Introduction.

Instructions were received from Rouse Homes to undertake a walkover inspection of the above site to provide an introduction to the tree material present and identify any areas of particular interest.

Observations.

The main body of the site appears to contain various amorphous groups of a mix of primary inhabitants of waste ground, the majority of which were Silver Birch varying in height between 2 & 4m. All material within the groups was at tight spacings as would be expected with self-set material.

Throughout the remainder of the site individual, self-set primary inhabitants were developing randomly.

Health and vitality was considered as reasonable although self-thinning would be expected to cause degeneration of the weaker group material within the foreseeable future.

The site has clearly been utilised for various industrial purposes in the past with areas of hard standing / roadways still present. Once abandoned, the site appears to have been lightly remodelled to restrict access and possibly control water runoff.

To the approx. north west of the site there is a mature woodland area although, the more mature trees appear to be located to the north with younger maturing trees to the south.

With this “woodland being located to the north west, good sunlight penetration was achieved across the majority of the site throughout the day.

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In respect of the southern boundary abutting the sports ground, there appeared to be a mound / bund type feature running part way along this fence line creating a screen / shelter feature.

Young tree material has developed on this creating a loose hedge type feature that could possibly be retained for additional screening / shelter.

The western section of the site climbed up to the off-site areas and again, contained young self-set material. The eastern section of the site abutted Woolley Colliery Road.

Conclusions.

The main body of the site contained mainly young self-set primary inhabitants, the majority of which would be expected to be lost by any reasonable remediation works.

The woodland to the north western boundary is mature and merits retention and management and the material to the southern boundary abutting the sports ground could be of future value for shelter and screening.

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